

3,270 troops to Iraq—the third largest contingent after the United States and Great Britain—and supported continuing operations in Afghanistan.

South Korea has also remained a key partner in the six-party talks focusing on the question of preventing nuclear proliferation in northeast Asia, and its diplomatic efforts were indispensable in achieving the joint statement that resulted from the recent fourth round negotiations. I hope that for all the challenges that lie ahead in future negotiations of the talks, we will continue to work together to denuclearize the Korean peninsula and promote peace and stability in the region.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I wish to welcome Ambassador Tae-Sik Lee to the United States and express my personal appreciation to the government and people of South Korea. According to unofficial estimates by the South Korean Embassy, our country is now home to over 2 million Korean-Americans, with more than 444,000 who live in New York. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to South Korea by extending their hands in friendship to its ambassador, Tae-Sik Lee.

PRaising THE UPCOMING ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION, APEC, SUMMIT, BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the administration's efforts to maintain a robust trade agenda that seeks to boost intellectual property protection at the upcoming meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, APEC, forum in Busan, South Korea. No regional institution is more important to promoting U.S. interests on anti-counterfeiting and piracy in Asia than APEC.

The 21 member states of APEC will consider a range of pressing issues that include supporting the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Round, trade facilitation, and preventing the spread of avian influenza.

APEC partners account for two-thirds of all U.S. trade and are playing an important role in the war on terror. In 2004, APEC helped put the Doha Round of the WTO's negotiations back on track, and it continues to help control the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and combat regional corruption.

The APEC region is of great importance to the United States—geopolitically, militarily, diplomatically, and economically. It accounts for some 40 percent of the world's population, over half of world trade, approximately 60 percent of world GDP, and a disproportionate share of global growth in recent years.

The United States, Japan, and South Korea are joining forces to promote the APEC Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Initiative to fight fraud and protect consumers. Under this initiative, APEC will develop guidelines for the inspection, seizure and destruction of goods used in trading counterfeit and pirated goods. The initiative also provides cross-border enforcement mechanisms for APEC members.

E-commerce is another area where the U.S. is demonstrating leadership in protecting intel-

lectual property and data privacy. The U.S. continues to support APEC efforts to put in place effective legal regimes to ensure appropriate enforcement of e-commerce while protecting data collected during online transactions. By working in APEC, the U.S. can maximize its ability to engage countries lacking proper intellectual property rights protection.

Recognizing the increasing importance of the Asiatic region to our national interests, I strongly support the effort to keep APEC energized and at the center of American diplomacy in East Asia.

CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on November 6th of this year. I wish to congratulate its Pastor, Reverend C.A. Feemster, its dedicated Deacons, and its faithful congregation on this joyous occasion.

Built in 1880, the first Mount Zion Baptist Church building was located on Piedmont Avenue and was led by their very first pastor Reverend R.L. Veal. The church was relocated to King Street in 1916, where it stood proudly until November 3, 1974, when then Pastor Norris moved his congregation into their current building.

Since that day, the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been blessed with such wonderful rewards as its first full time, and current, pastor Reverend C.A. Feemster, an informative church newsletter, and an active missionary program.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the 125 years of faithful service to God, the community, and its congregation members, I wish to congratulate the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on this truly blessed occasion, and I look forward to their continued service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO HARLEY KNOX

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man who will long be remembered for his innumerable contributions and the tremendous leadership he displayed in the Inland Empire region of Southern California. Harley Knox was an entrepreneur, farmer, developer, and all-around community leader. Personally, he was a loyal and dear friend. Last week, Harley lost a five-month battle with bone cancer and our region collectively mourns his passing, while remembering his lifelong contributions to the Inland Empire.

Harley discovered his entrepreneurial spirit at the early age of twelve, when after WWII, demand from farmers and gardeners prompt-

ed a need for fertilizer. For a fee, Harley would clean chicken coups and then sell the fertilizer to large farms and gardeners. His modest, yet successful business soon became more than he could handle alone, so he employed neighborhood kids to help him out.

Later on, Harley capitalized on the increased popularity of Dichondra lawns in front of ranch-style homes and soon began harvesting his family's front yard and selling flats of Dichondra. The popularity of the grass continued, so Harley persuaded neighbors to let him buy portions of their lawns for resale. By the age of 20, he was selling Dichondra across Southern California and the family was buying land for farming the grass. A second business was born when he then began developing farming equipment to collect and process Dichondra seed.

By the 1950s, Harley was president of Knox Seed Company, Inc. and moved operations to farmland adjacent to what is now March Air Reserve Base. The company expanded into producing seed for grain crops, turf grass and sod. After eventually selling the seed business, Harley focused on developing farming tools and was president of Knox Manufacturing Co. of Moreno Valley from 1977 to 1986. The firm developed high-speed produce harvesters and held patents that soon became the industry standard.

In 1983 he founded the land development and consulting firm Harley Knox & Associates, which still develops industrial projects, assists with land-use regulation and attaining government entitlements. More recently, Harley was a partner in March Global Port, an industrial development on 400 acres on the south side of March Air Reserve Base. The project lists Philips Electronics and DHL as tenants and provided the region with a significant economic contribution in the wake of the downsizing of the military base.

In addition to his entrepreneurial efforts, Harley served as an active member of numerous community organizations, such as the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, The Valley Group, the Riverside County Building Industry Association, the Western Riverside County Council of Governments, the Riverside Community College Foundation, and the Riverside Community Hospital Foundation. Following an appointment by former Gov. Pete Wilson, Harley served as commissioner of the California Boating and Waterways Commission.

The Inland Empire is a better place to live today because of Harley's extraordinary contributions and his selfless dedication to his community. On behalf of the Inland Empire I want to convey our appreciation for all of Harley's efforts and express our heartfelt condolences to the Knox family, including his wife Donna, daughter Victoria and sons Bryan and Aaron, as well as his four grandchildren.

THE ARRIVAL OF VIRGINIA PARKER ETHERIDGE

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a joyful heart to announce the birth of my second grandchild and very first granddaughter. On November 2, my wife Faye and